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In re Patent Application of

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Atty. Ref.: 2551-69

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Group: 1648

Filed: November 29, 2001

Examiner:

For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC
AND THERAPEUTIC USE

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July 29, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the originally-filed Sequence
Listing.

IN THE FIGURES

Insert the attached formal drawings for the originally-filed drawings.

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing.
The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.
A separate Statement to this effect is attached. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the Notice dated December 27, 2001, is attached.

In response to the Notice, the applicants attach a copy of formal drawings. No new matter has been added.

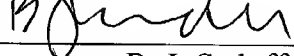
The Examiner is requested to confirm in her First Action that the amendments to the first page of the specification requested on the applicants' Request of November 29, 2001, relating to the claim for priority to earlier applications, has been entered.

The undersigned believes the present paper and attachments are completely responsive to the requirements of the attached Notice however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise and allow additional time for responding with any further required item.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are sixty-four sheets of formal, inked drawings for the above-identified application.

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STATEMENT

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